

To those responsible for our protection:

I am writing in response to your draft: **FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIPS IN CLINICAL RESEARCH: ISSUES FOR INSTITUTIONS, CLINICAL INVESTIGATORS, AND IRBs TO CONSIDER WHEN DEALING WITH ISSUES OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS AND HUMAN SUBJECT PROTECTION.**

As the father of Jesse Gelsinger, you can not imagine my disillusionment and anguish when I realized that the entire system of medical research and federal oversight failed to protect my right-hearted son. When money and prestige play a more important role in research than the welfare of human beings, we are in a great deal of trouble and that is exactly where we are. Put some teeth in what you do. Let industry and academia know in no uncertain terms that the abuse of the rights of others, especially those putting their lives on the line, will not be tolerated. Step away from the bureaucracy and politics that has become our government and look at this from a spiritual perspective. The answers are obvious and simple. Approach the protection of human research subjects the same as you would your own children and with the same intent that Jesse had and you will have it right... not for recognition or for money but only to help.

Attached is a letter addressed to Eric Meslin, written by Abbey Meyers. I encourage you to incorporate her recommended changes so that we will again be on the path with heart. I applaud your efforts so far in this regard. Help me to again believe in our government.

Sincerely,

Paul L. Gelsinger